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SUBJ: CYPRUS: TURKISH DEMARCHE TO WALDHEIM
1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS JOHN TZOUNIS CALLED DCM THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS GREEK GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED FROM NICOSIA REPORTING TURKISH DEMARCHE SEPTEMBER 12 TO WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK ON SUBJECT TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN SOUTHERN CYPRUS.

2. ACCORDING TO TZOUNIS, WECKMAN SAW CLERIDES THIS MORNING (SEPT 13) AND TOLD HIM THAT OLCAY CALLED ON WALDHEIM YESTERDAY TO SAY THAT ECEVIT WAS UNDER UNBEARABLE PRESSURE" FROM TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT TURKISH CYPRIOT POPULATION SOUTH OF ATILLA LINE. OLCAY REQUESTED WALDHEIM TO INSTRUCT UNFICYP TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESCORTING TURKISH CYPRIOTS FROM SOUTHERN CYPRUS NORTH TO TURKISH CONTROLLED
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AREA. WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY TOLD OLCAY THAT POPULATION TRANSFER ON THIS SCALEWAS A POLITICAL PROBLEM. PLIGHT OF REFUGEES WAS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS AND UNFICYP COULD NOT REPEAT NOT UNDERTAKE ACTIONS OF THE KIND BEING PROPOSED BY TURKS UNTIL SOME AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON REFUGEE PROBLEM. OLCAY'S RESPONSE TO THIS, ACCORDING TO TZOUNIS, WAS THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE ONLY WORRIED ABOUT THEIR PROPERTY BUT THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAD REASON TO FEAR FOR THEIR LIVES.

3. TZOUNIS SAID THAT GREEK GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY WORRIED THAT OLCAY'S DEMARCHE MAY BE PRELUDE TO FURTHER TURKISH MILITARY ACTION SOUTH OF ATILLA LINE. FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS CABLING TEXT OF NICOSIA REPORT TO WASHINGTON AND GREEK AMBASSADOR WOULD BE BRINGING IT TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT AT SENIOR LEVEL WITH REQUEST THAT U.S. TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO DETER ANKARA FROM MOVE OF THIS KIND AND TO POINT OUT TO ECEVIT PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF PERMITTING CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS TO CONTINUE WITHOUT "THREATS AND PRESSURE TACTICS" FROM TURKEY. TASCA

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